

WILLIAM PHILLIPS HALL
PRESIDENT

HUGH R. MONRO
MRS. FINLEY J. SHEPARD
VICE-PRESIDENTS

WILLIAM HENRY MATTHEWS, D.D.
GENERAL SECRETARY

American Tract Society

SEVEN WEST FORTY-FIFTH STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

REV. EDWIN NOAH HARDY, PH. D.
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
AND
RECORDING SECRETARY

GEN. CHARLES ELLIOT WARREN
TREASURER

ARTHUR W. COBBETT
ASSISTANT TREASURER

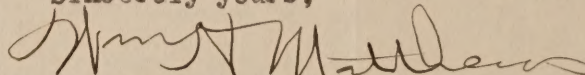
March 2, 1934.

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson, D.D., Pastor,
Second Presbyterian Church,
Elizabeth, New Jersey.

My dear Dr. Robinson:-

Your good friend Mr. Hugh R. Monro, who is a member of our Executive Committee and also one of our Vice-Presidents, sent us a copy of the tract on "Salvation" which is put out by your church. Mr. Monro was quite impressed with the tract. Dr. Hardy and I also feel that it would be very helpful if the American Tract Society printed an edition of the tract, but do not wish to do so without your permission. We would prefer to print the tract simply under our imprint, for it would be for general circulation among all denominations. If this is acceptable to you, kindly mark O.K. on this letter and return it in the enclosed envelope.

Sincerely yours,


General Secretary

WHM:BA

EDWARD D. DUFFIELD
PRESIDENT

THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY
OF AMERICA
HOME OFFICE, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

March 2, 1934.

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson,
Second Presbyterian Church,
Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

It was very thoughtful of you to send me a copy of the summary of my talk made at the Presbyterian Union dinner. It seems to quite accurately indicate the line of thought I had on that evening, and I thank you for giving me an opportunity of looking it over prior to publication.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Edward D. Duffield

A. Z. Conrad
Pastor's Study
Park Street Church
Boston, Massachusetts

March 9, 1934.

Rev. Dr. Stewart M. Robinson,
Second Presbyterian Church,
Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Could you occupy the pulpit of Park Street Church the last Sunday in August? Our Board of Deacons would be particularly pleased to have you. The honorarium is fifty dollars.

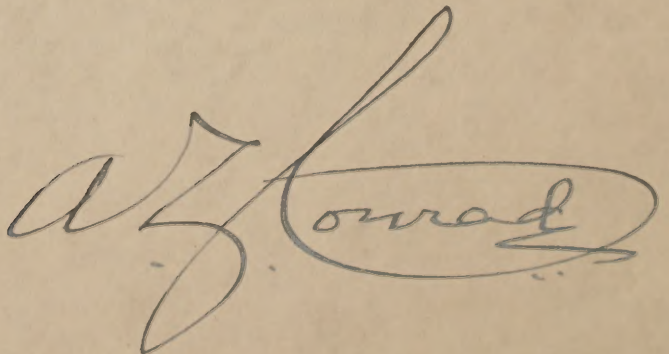
It is a tradition in our Church that the pastors do not use tobacco. I understand you do not, and so, therefore, this will have no bearing in your case.

May I ask you to wire reply collect, as we are desirous of closing our summer arrangements as soon as possible.

With very warmest regards and all good wishes,

Ever faithfully your friend,

C:MC

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. Z. Conrad'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'A. Z.' written in a large, sweeping loop, and the last name 'Conrad' written in a more compact, cursive style.

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

March 15, 1934

Rev' Stewart M. Robinson, D.D.
Second Presebyterian Church
Elizabeth, New Jersey

My dear Stewart:

I enclose herewith a copy of the reply of the Board to the Presbytery of Chester, which was presented to the Presbytery in person by the Board's Committee at a special meeting of the Presbytery on Tuesday of this week.

I am sending you also under separate cover a copy of the Biography of Dr. Charles Lewis, one of our medical missionaries in China.

I have written the Biography and it has been published by Dr' Lewis's widow at her own expense and all the proceeds from the sale of the book will go to her to reimburse her for this outlay. Will you call attention to the book in THE PRESBYTERIAN, and indicate that it can be secured for \$1.00, postage paid, by writing to the Publicity Department, Room 919, 156 Fifth Avenue.

Dr. Lewis was one of the outstanding medical missionaries of our generation. When ex-president Eliot of Harvard was in China the two personalities which impressed him most were Dr. Lewis and Chang po Ling.

Anything that you can do to promote the circulation of the little book will be greatly appreciated by Mrs. Lewis, and I believe the story of this life will be a blessing to all who read it.

Very cordially yours,

RES:B

Wm. E. Allen
J. J. Underwood
336 Washington

A. Z. Conrad
Pastor's Study
Park Street Church
Boston, Massachusetts

March 17th 1934

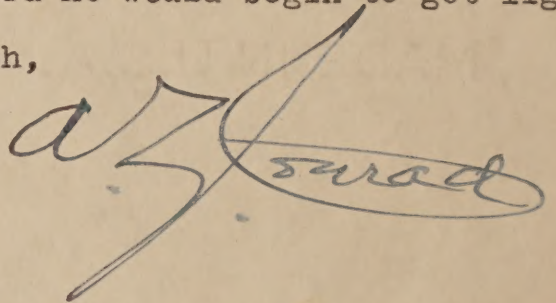
Dear Robinson:

On Tuesday April 10th I am speaking at the
STONY BROOK BIBLE CONFERENCE in Philadelphia and if I can
stay over in New York a day will surely give you a ring. I
am speaking in a Methodist Church I think it is Central Methodist
but have not had final word about it.

Thanks for your good letter. Holy week is just at hand
and you like myself will be flooded with work. But what
a glorious work it is!

We are all praying for SPRING after the
dreadful winter. What a MESS the Country is in. If
Roosevelt would only learn that his BRAIN TRUST is utterly
inadequate and would turn to the Lord he would begin to get light.

Every good wish,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Z. Conrad', with a large, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the left.

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

March 19, 1934
(Dict. March 17)

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson,
Second Presbyterian Church,
Elizabeth, New Jersey.

My dear Stewart:

I should think it would be well for you to hold up the editorial which you enclosed in yours of March 16 until you have had time to read the reply of the Board to the Chester Presbytery and the documents on the constitutionality of the independent Board which were before the meeting of the General Council of the Church in Atlantic City last week. I think it would be well if you would go over also the action taken by our Board on January 15 covering a number of present issues. Haven't you seen this latter? We are just putting it in leaflet form, and I trust that the Board's reply to the Chester Presbytery may also be available as a leaflet. You will find that there are some statements in the editorial which are not wholly in accord with the law of our Church. I think that you would wish to correct these in the light of the documents which were before the General Council. I think also that this whole present matter is being twisted out of its right perspective and construed in very unreal terms. It may not be wise or right to say the things that would provide the corrective at present, but truth and time will do this. The architectural figure of speech in your editorial I am afraid is not accurate. The proceedings in which we are engaged are not calculated to repair or reconstruct. Their effect, whatever their intent may be, will be to rend the structure.

Nor will it do to attribute the pain of conscience and divergence of judgment to the minority. There are consciences and convictions of others as well, and these others are standing on the Rock of the true constitution and the true tradition of the Church.

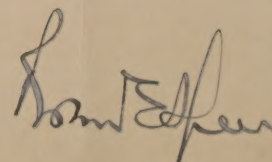
As to the constitution of Boards and General Assembly Committees there is room for very much divergence of view. You will not remember the conditions that prevailed before the present system of electing sections was established in the General Assembly or the old days when the Boards were practically self-appointing and self-propagating agencies. The one matter of the filling of ad interim vacancies is a very minor affair. Oftentimes these vacancies are not filled at all but are left over for the Assembly meeting. The real question is as to how to select and how to obtain really qualified and efficient Boards. That is a very grave and difficult problem, not to be solved by political scheming or partisan antagonisms.

Back of all other questions, of course, is the one of the efficiency of our Presbyterian Church System - the Presbytery and the General Assembly. I fear sometimes that the real root of our weakness is in our failure to operate our Presbyterian principle, ^{and} back of that, of course, in our own characters as Christian ministers and Christian church members.

I think that you can get the documents to which I refer regarding the General Council from Dr. Mudge. I have put Mr. Underwood's address on the postal card which you sent and posted it this morning.

With kind regard -

Very cordially yours,



RES:AMW

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

PRINCETON NEW JERSEY

Dean of the University Chapel
ROBERT RUSSELL WICKS

March 26, 1934.

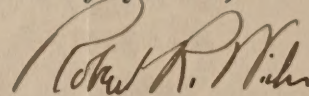
Dear Mr. Robinson:

President Dodds has referred to me your letter suggesting that we invite the Rev. Sunday to preach in the University Chapel. I share President Dodds' feeling that Mr. Sunday is not quite the type of man who understands the particular attitude of students toward religion. He may be very useful elsewhere as many other men are, but in this particular situation he would create as much misunderstanding as he would allay. This is nothing against Mr. Sunday; there are plenty of men who are fine in community work who do not seem to have the knack of approaching students.

Mr. Norman Thomas, to whom you referred, has the ear of the students, although it may be that he is not an ideal man for regular appearance in a college chapel. We had him twice simply because he happened to represent to the student mind the type of fearless thinking in politics which they needed to meet firsthand.

I hope you will understand our reluctance to invite Mr. Sunday.

Cordially yours,



The Rev. Stewart M. Robinson,
Second Presbyterian Church,
Elizabeth, N.J.